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(Mary Jane D'Alma)Docket No.: COTH-P07-701  
(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Szostak et al.

Application No.: 09/876235

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Art Unit: 1634

For: SELECTION OF PROTEINS USING RNA-  
PROTEIN FUSIONS

Examiner: B. J. Forman

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and authorize charge of the requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 18-1945 under Order No. COTH-P07-701.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.